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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): Kazuya OTSUJI; and Nobuya SATO

For: CLEANING ARTICLE

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of fourteen (14) pages
- Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority based on 2000-3537 and 2000-392166 filed in Japan on January 12, 2000 and December 25, 2000, respectively.
 - Certified copy is attached hereto
 - Certified copy will follow
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

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Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

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Other: Information Sheet

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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

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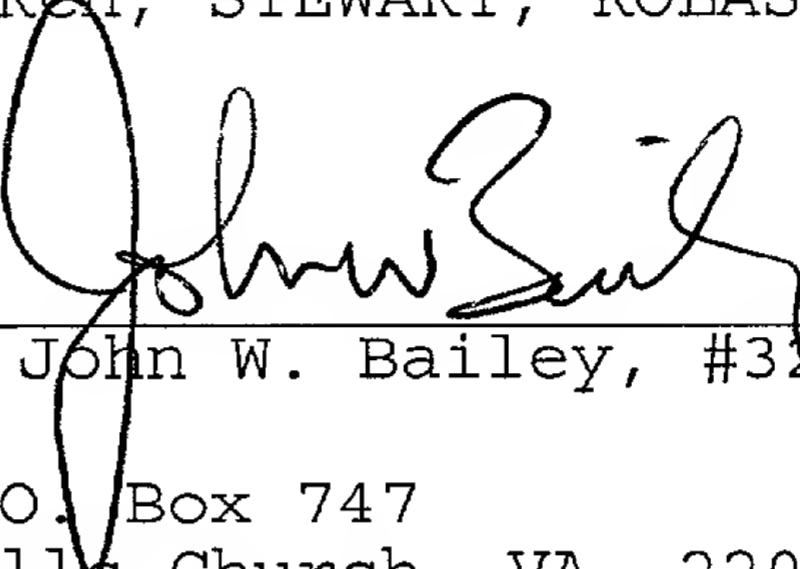
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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O. of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow.

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